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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

AMEND Claims 1, 2, 28, 29 and 35 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A self-emulsifying drug delivery system comprising a mixture of an extremely water-insoluble, lipophilic active agent; polyvinylpyrrolidone; a fatty acid; and a surfactant, wherein the weight ratio of said fatty acid to said polyvinylpyrrolidone is about 2:1 to about 1:3.

2. (AMENDED) The self-emulsifying drug delivery system of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of said surfactant to said polyvinylpyrrolidone is about 1:1.